

**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 21-23 and on page 4, lines 1-8 to appear as follows:

In this manner, at least some embodiments of the invention provide for advantages not found in the prior art. For example, the mechanism that provides for checking in and checking out of the stored procedures of the database provides for effective versioning of the stored procedures. The mechanism keeps track of users who wish to edit the stored procedures, and once they have been changed, the mechanism keeps track of the changes that have been made to the stored procedures. Thus, it can be determined when a bug or error has been introduced into a stored procedure, and the database administrator is able to determine the history of changes made to a particular stored procedure.

**In the Claims**

*Please add the following claims:*

19. A system for providing version control over at least one item in a database while keeping the database operable, comprising:

a source code control (SCC) system to store versions of the database item;

a first program to check in and check out the database item, such that modification of the item is restricted when the item is checked out; and

a database having the database item, wherein the database invokes the first program upon receiving a request to access the database item.

20. The system of claim 19, wherein the database comprises an editor program to edit the stored item.